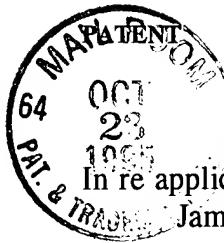


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In re application of:

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Sir:

This response/amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 1995, the time period for response having been extended by the enclosed petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 23-0796 (see attached transmittal). Reconsideration and re-examination are requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

CERTIFICATE OF FIRST-CLASS MAILING

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